

Friday, March 20, 2026 at 4:57:33 PM Eastern Daylight Time

Subject: Mission Helpers Site: Results of Zoom Meeting

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 6:37:51 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: William Meyer

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Greetings. The neighborhood Advisory Board and other neighbors of the Mission Helper property met by Zoom call today. We discussed the change of ownership of the MH site, the new owners' plans to lease the site to the Owings Mills Synagogue for operation of a synagogue with large weddings and other events, and how that could impact the neighborhood in terms of parking and traffic. We heard from attorney Michael McCann who is experienced in these types of zoning disputes, who described our options going forward.

After Mike McCann left the call, the Board and neighbors discussed the matter and voted without objection to retain McCann to represent our interests. Because the new owners appear to have begun renovations, McCann will immediately get involved, with the goal of getting them to stop until these zoning and other issues can be decided at a "special hearing" before an Administrative Law Judge.

Mike's hourly rate is \$250, and he estimated that getting ready for and doing the hearing would cost \$10,000. That is not unreasonable, but **I would like to raise \$20,000** to make sure we have enough. We decided to "pass the hat" among neighbors to raise what we could, as was done in the 1980's and 1990's when the Board and neighbors dealt with Blakehurst, Loyola, and Pickersgill.

Camila Arbelaez at 623 Chestnut (202-460-5234, camila.henao85@gmail.com) has agreed to serve as Treasurer. She will be opening a bank account next week and will let everyone know how to contribute; please let her know over the next 7-10 days what you are able to give. We know times are tough and only want households to give what they can. We will let everyone know what we collected and provide regular updates.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me with questions. This is a big decision but one that has unfortunately been thrust upon us. Thanks to everyone.

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